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1. Oberschlesische Drahtseilwerke at Bobrek

- a. The Oberschlesische Drahtseilwerke (Upper Silesian Wire Rope Works) at Bobrek-Karf (Bobrek), near Beuthen (Bytom), was not dismantled and is now Polish State property. It employs 500 workers, and the main departments work in three shifts.
- b. Raw materials come from Bohumin, Czechoslovakia, for the main part. Fifty percent of the output of the firm is sent to the Donets Basin and the Kuznetsk area in the USSR. Production consists of wire rope of all types for the mining industry and industrial concerns. During World War II the plant manufactured wire rope for the German Luftwaffe and Reichsmarine.
- c. A Russian officer is permanently attached to the firm to supervise deliveries to Russia. despite this the Poles often deliver iron wire instead of the required steel wire.
- d. The firm is suffering from a shortage of technical staff to such an extent that the former secretary of the former owner, Emanuel Bode, is now the technical director. Drawn wire is a bottleneck, because of a lack of skilled workers capable of understanding the necessary processes.

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2. Deichsel Rope Wire Factory at Zabrze

The former Deichsel wire rope factory at Hindenburg (Zabrze) is working but on a limited scale.

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